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Washington Citizens' Commission on Salaries for Elected Officials
P.O. Box 43120
Olympia, WA 98504

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to encourage the Commission to adopt as final the 2009-10 Proposed Salary Schedule.

Despite continued revenue growth, our state is facing a massive budget shortfall. The economy is struggling, and recovery is forecasted to be some time off. The effects of the current economic situation are clear and visible around the state – jobs are being lost, employees' hours are being cut, and small businesses are just trying to keep their doors open. This is definitely not the environment to be raising the salaries of elected officials.

While I understand that the Commission is constitutionally unable to decrease the salary of elected officials currently in office, I urge you to do the next best thing – enact the proposed pay freeze on the salaries over which the Commission has jurisdiction.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jaime Herrera".

Jaime Herrera
State Representative